

# HENRY KNOX-FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE TRESTLEBOARD

## 2026 Lodge Officers

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## Message from the East

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### \* HKFJBL Stated Meeting

February 10, 2026

6:30 Dinner  
7:30 Gavel Drops

#### \* Lodge Education @ ASR

February 11, 2026

6:30 School begins

#### \* AW #22 Stated Meeting

February 12, 2026

6:30 Dinner  
7:30 Gavel Drops

Dear Brethren,

As the month of February reflects rejuvenation and remembrance, it is with that in mind, that we honor our antecedents, fallen soldiers and brothers in society at large and within Freemasonry on all sides of the "color line".

With February marking Black History Month, it is important that we highlight those who've walked the land before us, in search of a better life, as well as, in leaving a better world for generations to come.

It is in that same vein that I would like to give a special highlight to Bro. Arturo Schomburg in a piece provided by PM Bro. Jaime Flores.

## Message from the East cont.

In continuation, I would like to shed light on our line officers for displaying a wonderful performance of ritual at our January stated, in their new chairs. The evening was made even more special with the fraternal visit from brothers of District 1B's John A. Lejeune Lodge and other brothers in attendance.

This past weekend many of us attended the DELC (Division Education Leadership Conference) which was held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial with 7+ members present.

The frigid cold air outside only made our fraternal bonds warmer, as we were huddled in the auditorium listening to the Grand Line's remarks, as well as, the harking sounds of the howling winds outside of the tall glass windows.

Shortly after, we dispersed into break out sessions and absorbed valuable lessons to be applied in our lodges. The conference ran from the morning 'til noon with the ambience of excitement and merriment bouncing off of the walls anywhere that a brother was found.

In closing, as we seek the dissolution of the white rocks outside, mistaken for ice, we wish to see you at our February stated, February 10th, 2026. Let us engage in fellowship and brotherly love and renew our collective spirit, which is the very foundation of our beloved lodge.

Thank you, brethren.

See you there!



**D1A + D1B (HKFJB, AW and John A. Lejeune)**



## From the Secretary

Brethren,

I extend my warmest fraternal greetings to each of you. As we continue our work together, I gently remind any Brother who still has outstanding dues to please remit them at your earliest convenience. Your support ensures that our lodge remains strong and able to serve the Craft and our community.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Stated Communication this Tuesday. Your presence brings life to the lodge room, and our fellowship is always richer when we gather as Brothers.

May peace and harmony continue to prevail among us.

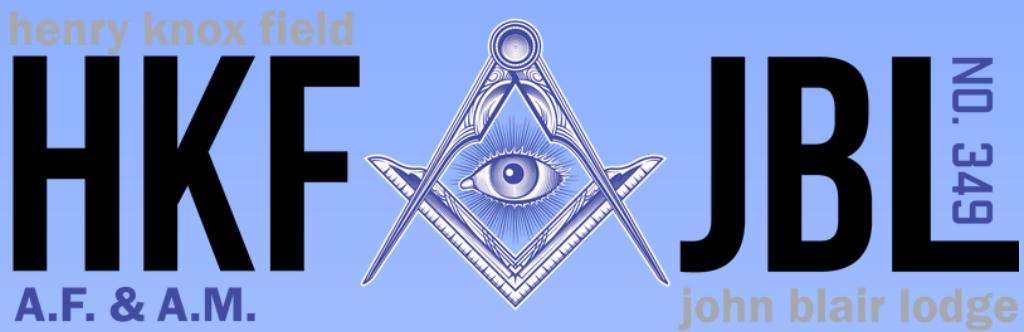
## Living Past Masters

2025 C. Steven Aguilar  
2024 Jonathan "JD" Summers  
2023 Mark A. Boughner  
2022 Clayton J. Mitchell  
2021 Timothy "TJ" Fisher  
2020 Timothy "TJ" Fisher  
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## Lodge History

**Henry Knox Field Lodge, No. 349, A.F. & A.M., was chartered in the Town of Potomac, Virginia, on February 12, 1925. It was named in honor of Henry Knox-Field, a local businessman and community leader from Alexandria, Virginia, who served as Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, in 1917. Most Worshipful Field was raised to the degree of Master Mason on February 20, 1890, at Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 120, A.F. & A.M. On June 24, 1893, he was installed Worshipful Master of that Lodge. Most Worshipful Field was born on April 20, 1860 and passed away on August 1, 1917, while serving as Grand Master. John Blair Lodge No. 187, A.F. & A.M., was instituted on July 31, 1970, and chartered at Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349 on February 10, 1971. The lodge was named in honor of Virginia's first Grand Master and inaugural United States Supreme Court Justice John Blair, Jr. Jewels, aprons, the bible, and tiler's sword were given by Worshipful Raymond L. Collins. The speakers podium for the Lodge was constructed and donated by Right Worshipful Clarence A. Dains. The brazen pillars were constructed and donated by the Charter Treasurer, John Newton Crawford, and the altar cover was later donated by Most Worshipful Werner Herman Morlock, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 1993, who died in office on Saturday, March 5, 1994. The lodges initiated the consolidation process in February 2017, with the Resolution on Consolidation being adopted in June of the same year. Henry Knox Field—John Blair Lodge, No. 349, A.F. & A.M., officially began work January 1, 2018.**

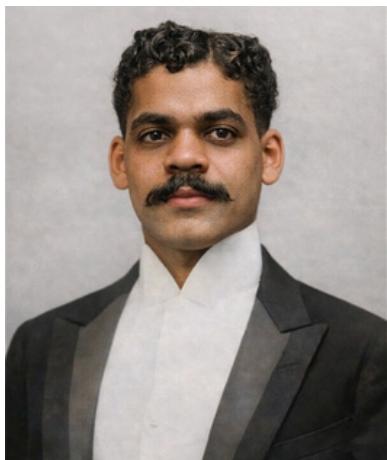
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## Arturo Alfonso Schomburg | The Sherlock Holmes of Black History

**"We must find out what our past has been in order to know what our present is.  
 No people can afford to neglect the record of its past."**

**Arturo Alfonso Schomburg** (1874–1938) was an Afro-Puerto Rican historian, bibliophile, and Prince Hall Freemason under the jurisdiction of Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York, whose work permanently reshaped the preservation and study of Black history in the United States.



Born January 10, 1874, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Schomburg was the son of a Black mother from St. Croix (then the Danish West Indies) and a father of German-Jewish descent. His Afro-Caribbean heritage shaped his understanding of Black identity as global and diasporic.

As an elementary school student, Schomburg experienced a formative racist incident when a teacher told him that Black people had no history or heroes. He later identified this moment as the catalyst for his life's work—recovering Black history through documentation and primary sources.

After immigrating to New York City in 1891, Schomburg became active in Prince Hall Freemasonry. He was initiated into El Sol de Cuba Lodge No. 38, a Spanish-speaking Prince Hall lodge founded by Afro-Cuban and Puerto Rican Masons. He served as Worshipful Master (Past Master) in 1911 and was later elected Grand

Secretary of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York in 1918.

Parallel to his Masonic leadership, Schomburg assembled a personal collection of more than 10,000 books, manuscripts, pamphlets, prints, and artworks documenting Africa and the global African diaspora. In 1926, the New York Public Library acquired his massive collection, which later became the foundation of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.

Schomburg was a central intellectual of the Harlem Renaissance, working alongside W.E.B. Du Bois, Langston Hughes, and Alain Locke. He also mentored historian John Henrik Clarke, influencing future generations of Black scholarship.

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